

mirers in rapture called him a "boy statesman" in his twenty-third year; and in his forty-seventh year he was still the same; still the official coxcomb, running after wild impracticable schemes, regardless of every thing but the gratification of his own senseless, remorseless, and petty ambition.

DR. COLLYER.

SOME weeks since, we heard reports injurious to the character of this gentleman. We did not believe them, indeed we could not, and never should have said one word respecting them; but Dr. Collyer having himself published a statement contradictory to that which had been asserted, the affair became a legitimate subject for general inquiry.

Since the first announcement of "THE LANCET," we have received a variety of communications relative to this mysterious transaction. We are now endeavouring, by every means in our power, to ascertain their correctness. At present, we cannot give a detailed account of our progress; however, we are already enabled to state that the matter has not hitherto been sufficiently investigated. We shall give the

full particulars in our next Number—at least, *such parts as will admit of publication*. And, let the disgrace fall on whomsoever it may, we are firmly resolved that all the parties concerned shall receive, at our hands, strict, impartial justice.

THE DRAMA.

DRURY LANE.—Notwithstanding the immense and beautiful alterations that were made in this Theatre last year, the enterprising Manager, during the summer recess, has added more comforts, and even more fascinations: indeed, a spirit of laudable rivalry appears to stimulate those who have the direction of both our Winter Theatres: we confess that we are glad of it; but we sincerely hope that their exertions will not be confined to house decorations; we wish to see the *stage* well decorated—not with foliage ornaments or gilded columns—but with intellectual genius and classical refinement. And we are delighted to observe that the Play-bill of this Theatre contains a list of Performers, who ensure to the lovers of the Drama many a rich treat during the ensuing theatrical campaign.

This Theatre opened on Wed-